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FOR BRADSHAW FROM ANDREWS

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1. ZBB REVIEW - YOU AND THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EARLIER THIS WEEK EUR, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER REGIONAL BUREAUS, WAS REQUIRED BY BEN READ'S OFFICE ON EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE TO COME UP WITH A RANK ORDERING OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CONSULAR POSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ZBB EXERCISE. FROM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND, M IS REVIEWING THE IMPLICATIONS, PRO AND CON, OF CLOSING A NUMBER OF CONSULAR POSTS. THIS IS SIMPLY ONE OF MANY OPTIONS AND SUB-OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH HOW THE DEPARTMENT COULD IMPLEMENT THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUIREMENT OF A 2 PERCENT ACROSS-THE-BOARD POSITION CUT FOR FY 1980, WHICH TRANSLATES INTO A REDUCTION OF 461 STATE POSITIONS.

2. EUR/EE'S ROLE IN THIS EXERCISE THIS WEEK WAS LIMITED TO
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PROVIDING EUR/EX WITH A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE IMPACT IF CONSULATE POZNAN WERE CLOSED (COPY BEING POUCHED TO YOU). WE ALSO INFORMED CARROLL BROWN. DON LEIDEL TOLD US THAT EUR'S REPLY TO M RANKED POZNAN WELL UP ON THE PRIORITIES LIST FOR RETENTION OF ,HE FOURTEEN CONSULATES UNDER REVIEW WITHIN EUR'S JURISDICTION. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT TH EXERCIZE COVERS THOSE POSTS THAT MIGHT BE CLOSED UNDER A

TEN PERCENT ZBB CUT, AND THAT POZNAN IS NOT ON THE FIVE PERCENT ZBB CUT LIST.

3. LEIDEL HAS ASSURED US THAT ALL OF THIS IS VERY PRELIMINARY AND, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, IS NOT CAUSE FOR ONE TO WORRY NOW SINCE IT IS ONLY PART OF M'S REVIEW OF ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS. HE ALSO FEELS CERTAIN THAT THE BUREAUS WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ARGUE THEIR CASES, IF IT SHOULD COME TO THAT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE APPRISED OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD BEAR IT IN MIND. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED; WE DO NOT, REPEAT, NOT SUGGEST THAT YOU SEND ANYTHING IN AT THIS TIME.

4. NEW PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON EXPORT CONTROL - THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION (AND MISINFORMATION) GENERATED HERE ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR EASTERN EUROPE OF THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT DIRECTIVE ON EXPORT CONTROLS AND THE DECISION TO DENY CERTAIN OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO CLEAR A MESSAGE OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, WE THINK YOU MIGHT APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DIRECTED COMMERCE TO SUPPLEMENT ITS EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS BY ADDING A REQUIREMENT THAT VALIDATED EXPORT LICENSES BE CONFIDENTIAL

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OBTAINED FOR THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT WHICH DOES NOT NOW REQUIRE SUCH LICENSES. ALTHOUGH IT LOGICALLY COULD BE ARGUED OTHERWISE, IT IS THUS FAR UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS NEW REQUIREMENT IS TO APPLY ONLY TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE NEW REGULATIONS WERE TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE END OF LAST WEEK, BUT THEY ARE STILL NOT OUT YET. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU POSTED. IN THE MEANTIME, SHOULD YOU RECEIVE QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS CHANGE TO EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM US BUSINESSMEN OR HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS, WE SUGGEST A REPLY ALONG THE LINES THAT IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL AFFECT EXPORTS TO EE. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO GLANCE AT THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY ON THE JULY 23 "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" PROGRAM AND THE PRESIDENT'S CLARIFICATION OF HIS ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION IN HIS JULY 20 PRESS CONFERENCE (BOTH CARRIED IN WIRELESS FILE). WHILE THESE COMMENTS DO NOT ADDRESS THE EXPORT CONTROL CHANGES DIRECTLY, THEY OFFER SOME PERSPECTIVE ON ADMINISTRATION INTENTIONS.

5. CARROLL SAYS HE HAS WRITTEN TO MS. TRAINHAM THAT HE PROBABLY WON'T BE BACK WHEN SHE PLANS TO COME TO WARSAW.

HE HOPES THIS WILL DETER HER FROM VISITING AT ALL, BUT IF
SHE SHOWS UP ANYHOW PERHAPS SOMEONE COULD GIVE HER A MAP

AND STEER HER TOWARD THE OLD TOWN - NOTHING MORE (FYI -
SHE'S NOT A KISSING COUSIN).

6. THE SECRETARY SAW A BOOK ITEM ON POLAND THIS WEEK
WHICH SUGGESTED THAT THE POLES ARE BEGINNING TO RE-ORIENT
THEIR ECONOMY TOWARD THE SOVIETS. THE SECRETARY WAS VERY
CONCERNED AND HAS ASKED US TO PREPARE A LIST OF STEPS THAT
WE MIGHT TAKE TO OFFSET THIS TREND. WE ARE POUCHING TO
YOU A COPY OF THE BOOK ITEM AND WE WILL SEE THAT A COPY
OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST IS ALSO SENT
TO YOU.

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7. I AM LEAVING EE AS OF COB TODAY. CARL SCHMIDT TAKES
OVER AS DIRECTOR AND HARRY GILMORE WILL BE ON BOARD AUGUST
16 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR. I AM TAKING THREE WEEKS' LEAVE AND
WILL THEN RETURN TO THE DEPARTMENT OVER-COMPLEMENT, PROB-
ABLY REMAINING IN EUR. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY THANKS AND
GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE HELP AND COOPERATION GIVEN
ME AND EE OVER THE YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL AND
ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE -- AND SOMETIMES DOWNRIGHT FASCINAT-
ING. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK -- THERE IS AN AWFUL LOT YET
TO BE DONE IN THESE VINEYARDS. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.

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